

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend claim 37.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously presented) The flashlight of claim 37, wherein said handle portion is pivotable in a plane substantially transverse to said first member.

5. (Previously presented) The flashlight of claim 4, wherein said lightbox is rotatable relative to said first member, said lightbox having a longitudinal axis and being rotatable about said axis.

6-12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously presented) A flashlight, comprising:

a handle portion;

a first member connected to said handle portion; and

a lightbox connected to said first member, said lightbox having a battery receiving portion and a light source oriented to emit a light beam in a direction substantially transverse to a longitudinal axis of said battery receiving portion, wherein said handle portion, said first member and said lightbox form a substantially inverted U-shaped configuration defining a hand receiving opening adapted to receive a portion of a user's hand,

wherein at least one of said lightbox and said handle portion is movable relative to said first member.

14. (Previously presented) The flashlight of claim 13, wherein both said lightbox and said handle portion are movable relative to said first member.

15. (Previously presented) The flashlight of claim 13, wherein said lightbox is rotatable to indexed positions relative to said first member.

16. (Previously presented) The flashlight of claim 13, wherein said handle portion is pivotable to fixed positions relative to said first member.

17-24. (Canceled)

25. (Previously presented) A flashlight apparatus comprising:
a lightbox having a battery receiving portion and a light source, said light source for emitting a directional light beam, said battery receiving portion having a longitudinal axis;
a handle member spatially separated from said lightbox and a longitudinal axis of said handle member being substantially parallel with said longitudinal axis of said battery receiving portion;
a first member having first and second ends, said first end connected to said handle member and said second end connected to said lightbox; and
said light source being directionally adjustable relative to said handle member such that when said handle member is stationary and said handle member longitudinal axis is in a substantially vertical orientation, said light source is directionally adjustable through 90 degrees of rotation in a horizontal plane.

26. (Previously presented) The flashlight apparatus of claim 25, wherein said light source is directionally adjustable through 180 degrees of rotation.

27. (Previously presented) The flashlight apparatus of claim 25, wherein said light source is directionally adjustable through 360 degrees of rotation.

28. (Previously presented) A flashlight apparatus comprising:

an assembly including a light-emitting portion for emitting a directional light beam, a handle portion having a handle longitudinal centerline and a first member having a first longitudinal centerline, said first and said handle longitudinal centerlines being substantially perpendicular to each other, said light-emitting portion connected to said handle portion via said first member, said light-emitting portion is movable relative to said handle portion;

said assembly having a first position in which said first longitudinal centerline of said first member and said handle longitudinal centerline of said handle portion define a first plane and the directional light beam of said light-emitting portion is substantially parallel with said first plane and said first longitudinal centerline of said first member during use; and

said assembly having a second position with said first longitudinal centerline of said first member and said handle longitudinal centerline of said handle portion in said first plane and the directional light beam of said light-emitting portion is substantially transverse to said first plane and said first longitudinal centerline of said first member during use.

29. (Previously presented) The flashlight apparatus of claim 28, further comprising a switch positioned on said first member.

30. (Previously presented) The flashlight apparatus of claim 28, wherein said handle portion is pivotably connected to said first member.

31. (Previously presented) The flashlight apparatus of claim 30, wherein said light-emitting portion is rotatably connected to said first member.

32. (Previously presented) The flashlight apparatus of claim 28, further comprising a hand strap attached to said assembly, said hand strap adapted to secure said assembly to a person's hand.

33. (Previously presented) A flashlight apparatus comprising:

an assembly including a lightbox interconnected to a handle portion having a longitudinal centerline, said lightbox comprising a battery receiving portion having a longitudinal axis and a light-emitting portion for emitting a directional light beam during use, said light-emitting portion is movable relative to said handle portion;

said assembly having a first position in which said longitudinal axis of said battery receiving portion and said longitudinal centerline of said handle portion define a first plane and the directional light beam of said light-emitting portion is substantially parallel with said first plane during use; and

said assembly having a second position with said longitudinal axis of said battery receiving portion and said longitudinal centerline of said handle portion in said first plane and the directional light beam of said light-emitting portion is substantially transverse to said first plane during use.

34. (Previously presented) The flashlight apparatus of claim 33, further comprising:

a first member having a longitudinal centerline, said lightbox connected to said first member and said handle portion pivotably connected to said first member; and

said assembly having a third position in which said longitudinal axis of said battery receiving portion and said longitudinal centerline of said first member define a second plane and said longitudinal centerline of said handle portion is non-coplanar with said second plane.

35. (Canceled)

36. (Previously presented) The flashlight apparatus of claim 34, wherein said lightbox is rotatably connected to said first member.

37. (Currently amended) A flashlight comprising:

- a handle portion having a longitudinal axis;
- a first member having a first end, a second end and a longitudinal axis, said first end connected to said handle portion; and
- a lightbox connected to said second end, said lightbox having a light source for emitting a directional light beam, said light source is ~~swiveable~~ swivelable normal to said first member longitudinal axis to direct the directional light beam in various directions relative to said first member,

wherein said handle portion longitudinal axis and a longitudinal axis of said lightbox are substantially parallel with one another and define a hand receiving opening therebetween, said hand receiving opening for receiving a portion of a user's hand, and when said first member longitudinal axis is substantially horizontal, said handle portion longitudinal axis and said lightbox longitudinal axis extend vertically downward.